

ANALYSIS OF AMENDED BILL

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Related Bills: See Legislative History Telephone: 845-4328 Amended Date: March 27, 2006
Attorney: Patrick Kusiak Sponsor: _____

SUBJECT: State Agencies Designate Small Business Liaison

SUMMARY

This bill would require state agencies to designate a liaison for small businesses.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

The March 27, 2006, amendments removed intent language and replaced it with language that would require state agencies to provide a liaison for small businesses.

This is the department's first analysis of this bill.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

According to the author's staff, the purpose of this bill is to provide small businesses with easy access to the state agencies that regulate them.

EFFECTIVE/OPERATIVE DATE

This bill would be effective and operative beginning January 1, 2007.

POSITION

Pending.

ANALYSISSTATE LAW

As part of the state's strategic plan, the California Economic Development Partnership sponsors a website, the California Business Portal, which provides convenient access to a number of resources for starting, growing, financing, expanding, or relocating a business in California. The portal seeks to simplify the path to the resources small businesses need. These resources are provided by a myriad of public and private sources, from State and federal agencies to local private non-profit organizations, all of which are accessible by clicking through the portal's pages.

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Department Director

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Date

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THIS BILL

This bill would require all state agencies that significantly regulate or impact small businesses to designate at least one individual to serve as a liaison between the agency and small businesses.

The liaison would be responsible for the following:

- Receiving and responding to complaints received by the agency from small businesses,
- Providing technical advice and assisting small businesses in resolving problems and questions,
- Reporting small business concerns and making recommendations to the agency secretary or head, where appropriate, and
- Reviewing and updating content pertinent to small businesses on the agency web site on a semiannual basis.

This bill would specify that the liaison would not advocate for or against any small business regulation or intervene in any investigation or enforcement actions.

This bill would require the Department of Technology Services to create an internet link to state agency web sites at the State of California Internet portal specifically for use of small businesses.

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

The department currently has a small business liaison. The department also maintains a small business information center on its website. Thus, implementing this bill would not significantly impact the department's programs or operations.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This bill references an incorrect code section. Amendment 1 has been provided to correct the error.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would not significantly impact the department's costs.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

This bill would not impact the state's income tax revenue.

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FRANCHISE TAX BOARD'S
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SB 1436
As Amended March 27, 2006

AMENDMENT 1

On page 3, line 11, strikeout "11405.50" and insert:

11405.40